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A BIG MOVE IN VIRGINIA EDUCA-

Heartiest congratulations are due to Superintendent Eggleston and the Department of Agriculture Department of Public Instruction, Selected boys in selected schools will under promise to follow literally those systematized instructions from the successes. The teacher will counsel. guide, instruct and help. But the supervision, will not be allowed to interfere with regular classes at all." and boys who make their corn-raising s plea for neglecting their three R's and the like will be promptly eliminated from the course.

vork is one of the biggest and most honeful things that has happened in the educational history of Virginia in many years. All of us are coming to see more and more clearly that the truest function of education is to increase the usefulness of the individua in the Carticular sphere which he or she is destined to occupy. The cultural value of the trimmings is not led or belittled, but the State must think first of utility, and each State must reckon utility by its own needs agricultural State; It will some day parable, to train all our young men a word to them about the possibilities of the profession upon which the prosperity of the whole State rests. Since this is a farming State, what better thing can our schools possibly do than till the rising generation with trained agriculturists?

There is only one side to the spreading back-to-the-land movement, signs of which are now breaking unward to the surface all over the country, Every argument is behind it: nothing while the present over-population of against it. In no State in the Union should it be more cordially supported emigration from the rural districts to the North and West has long stood at hurtful rate. To teach young boys at farming is, nine times out of ten, to on the investment are apt to make city clerkships look rather ridiculous. This is the kind of instruction to which Superintendent Eggi-ston and his assistants are dedicating themselves, and the whole State wishes them the warmest of Godspeeds

INVESTIGATE THE FAMILY ROW.

Secretary Bullinger is exactly right to insist on a full public investigation he is an impostor, in any ordinary or of the so-called "controversy" affecting his department. His vigorous denative, is decidedly the best statement the President, naturally creates.

The fact is that Mr. Taft's "harmony" no use waiting for this unpleasant nacious and unreconstructed individ-A weekly periodical of national circulation, an early assailant of and suspicions still fill the air. Mr. Hallinger says that he finds the situa-tion intolerable, and well he may, whether he has ginned or not. The country has not condemned him as yet; it is simply a good deal puzzled by the series of detailed charges and counter-charges. A congressional in- The Senate and the President are, as vestigation sione would go authorita- usual, divided over the division of of-tively to the bottom of these, and until fices, and various Senators are pro-

It is fair to accept the Scotch verdict as finally disposing of Dr. Cook. Times-Dispatch acknowledges this fact paper has steadily defended the doctor's claims, not, indeed, to discovery and a fair chance; for there have been kept them distinct. The doctor re-Of the competency of the tribunal there with the serene assurance that his rectruth of his story. The test, in short, down under it, he can fairly expect no mercy anywhere.

decisive verdict was not possible. We are stopped short with the knowledge end. Its restraint is just and proper. declined to stray into obiter dicta. No doubt the Copenhagen committee recould. Yet the rejection is not hard enough to be universally decisive. If this is science's ultimatum, probably believing that Cook is the real discov-A erer of the pole and a vastly maligned

whom the marvelous Brooklyn physician is being compared, it will be rehad known the impostor well in Melchausen's story was actually disproved, But proof of a negative is often short of a clean breast from the hero of this sort. There is, perhaps, a millionth chance that a man might reach the North Pole and return bare of all possibility is so wildly remote that we are compelled to decline to notice it. The burden of proof, as we have Cook from the beginning. If he never had any proof, he never had any case, and his story was destined to utter discredit from the day that he first conceived and uttered it.

In this case we have neard much, and shall doubtless hear much more, about the American people's supposed love of being humbugged. The allusion will mystery how he was able to state corthan farther south. To say that these were simply a series of audacious guesses is one of the least plausible ways of explaining them. Hence, if Dr. Cook is simply a historic impostor It argues no love of being humbugged that hundreds of thousands of people, including many distinguished scien-But it is not at all certain yet that

poet, whose indifferent verses have remand, with his resignation as the alter- cently had notorious advertisement, has explained the singer's eccentricities by he has made on the affair yet. It is telling the world that he is the occapossible that the investigation was sional victim of insanity. We may yet coming anyway, since Representative see developments which will finally lay Hitchcock introduced a resolution to the doctor's startling vagrancies to the that end the other day. But the sec- same melancholy cause, It is idle to retary must be given the benefit of the rehearse now all the curiosities of this presumption of his innocence which his most extraordinary case. But review voluntary request, now approved by ing the whole episode from the point of view of its fertile inventor, considering the unbelievable hardlhood of policy, so often thectured with an apparent desire to stand by the higher of final detection, it is hard to escape constituted authority the powers that the conclusion that the doctor is a be, immentably failed here. There was inental irresponsible. We note regretfamily row to blow over. It never had by H. Wellington Wack, for whom we fully that this construction is hinted at any idea of blowing over. To mention profess no particular regard. Of nothing else, Gifford Pinchot is a pus- course, the instant that the plea or ual. The President did what he could insanity is proffered by the doctor's by indorsing Ballinger from head to heels, but the country failed to follow a clever man's clever ruse to escape the secretary, has fiatly declined to nitely cleared up. Mystery has piled on mystery in this affair from the be ginning, and come important features

> THE HOLD-UP IN THE SENATE. The annual rush for political pie has about reached lunch-hour dimensions.

that is done there will be no end to the appointments which Mr. Taft has made. These fights have generally inhave commonly dismissed them as quabbles over spoils in which this section does not share. But this year, when a Richmond man, Royal Cabell, is on the list of those involved in the fight, the whole question of the senaas much as a war in Abyssinia. We fight, the whole question of the senaintelligent man can doubt the wisdom ceived his fair chance, for the first sequence. This ruling is as sound in able men spoke for it in its tablish proof of a journey to the pole, executive, unhampered by Congress, us to hold an abnormal reverence for tration while wrecking the governanswered all criticism and skepticism tified the high hopes of its framers. for making practical farm of doubt and immediately establish the age of the Constitution, Scnators found own choosing. Having utterly broken further personal ends. When the spoils colleagues, this clause of the Consti-

But the system has been vastly imis at present little reason why it should tive, and, therefore, it has become sim ply a means of satisfying personal the postmaster at Fancycreek, Kansas is competent and honest, but whether from that district. If he is not, a word to his wise brother in the upper veiled allusions convince the Soute that the prospective postmaster is and the Congressman is satisfied. In this way the powers of appointment practically rest not with the President, but with the dominant coterie of the

transplant Arcady in Washington, As long as the Constitution offers a justification, scheming Congressmen will find an excuse. The feast will doubt less continue in perpetuity.

In our official and diplomatic ser-rice, the Robert Bacon mustache is in a large class by itself.

an investigation decidedly weakens the hand of those who have been thinking

John Bigelow ought not to expect too much of the young. He ought to remember that Mr. Taft is forty years

Whose got change for a couple of

change costs about \$20,000, while you can get one on the Richmond water-wagon for nothing at all.

We doubt if Hon. Zelaya even gives Mr. Knox cigars or book-markers this Christman.

By the way, apropos of Dr. Cook's rare skill at self-concealment, where is Leon Ling?

A long-green Christmas makes full stocking.

If it proves impossible to convince the world that Cook is an impostor in advance of the Copenhagen verdict, we desire to say that no blame can possibly be attached to the Copenhagen correspondent of the New York Times.

How many people are really interested in the Nicaraguan vicissitudes?

We never dreamed how odd was the faunal nomenclature of Africa till a Certain Person made it worth while for the news companies to turn the light on

Mr. MacVeagh thinks the government may have to borrow money. It's fun-ny how this particular week in Decem-ber always sets everybody thinking of borrowing.

You can buy a Stradivarius violin for \$15,000, net cash. And they make Christmas gifts in perfectly good form, Stradivaril do.

A LOQUACIOUS AGE.

Many Dissertations on Feminine Ques-

Many Dissertations on Feminine Question Only Intended to Startle.

A war of hatred between the sexes
predicted by Mrs. Beimont as sure to
follow a definite refusal of the surfrage is, according to that noted autinority Nietzehe a very present pressing fact, and Bernard Shaw more than
inhis that hatred underlies the socalled love of the sexes.

Of the making of talk there is no
end. Anything to surprise, anything to
startle, anything to make the multitude sit up and take notice.

Mrs. Beimont is a social leader and
it is her duty ex-officie to keep the
conversation going. Silence is "bed
form," Nietzehe had blazbeg insights,
but he lost thinself in talk, and before
he could collect his wits and shape
them into thought, he lost them altogether, dying in a madhouse. Bernard
Shaw knows how to think and his admirers wish he would step wagsing
that ongue now and then and give his
brain a chance.

The talk that is "made" is, most of

talk.
In the interest of sound thinking and mental good health, let us pray that the woman question will be speedily settled. Then we shall heve a little time to think, and, it may be, conversation and public discussion will be tinetired with real thought,—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Borrowed Jingles

I turn to the journals seductive, Purveyors of fancy and such, And find them serency instructive Of little, suggestive of much. I ponder each apoclous sescetion Of wonderful stock of some trust; I read of its tender affection For ways that are ways of the just.

Brokers tell of some stock and commend and perfectly certain to rise;
Successes are sure to attend it—
'Tis simply a word to the wise.
Grand Trunk, it may be, or Pacific,
Or stocks whose commons perplex;
I ponder oach queer hieroglyphic,
I dream of most wonderful checks.

I dream of most wonderta

The very suggestion of Erie

Has charm of the weird in the sound;

Of my soul do I question and query,

"Oh, where shall the margin be found?"

The prospects are ample-nay, regail;

The profits remarkably quick,

From stock that must soar like an eagle—
Unless it should drop like a stick!

—Chicago News.

MERELY JOKING.

Brother Wagstaff (ruminatingly): "I won'er what de fust plug hat was invented for?"

Brother Sockett: "Well-uh-good Lawd, sah-lf 'twun't for plug hats what would dem white tragendiums an' nigser preachers war on deir heads?"—Puck.

"Why do you locate all your stories in mythical countries?"
"So that nobody can say that my dialect isn't the real thing."—Houston Chronicle.

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The results of the control of the co

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Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or valued and no dealers' names will be given.

Good Christmas Poems, Etc.

1. Can you suggest some good Christmas poems, giving the author of the same?

2. Please tell me where the Indian in Richmond. In Rothmond.

1. We would recommend that you visit the State Library, where you can secure a large number of such poems, Any list that we could print here would manifestly be our personal choice.

2. Powhatan's grave is not in Richmond. In fact, its whereabouts are not even approximately known.

Cheapest Routes.

Please tell me the cheapest route from here to New York—by way of Richmond, Washington, on the Codst Line, from Petersburg direct to New York, or by way of the Norfolk and Cape Charles route?

Elease give me the bost method of cleaning with a sortier feathers.

Please give me the bost method of cleaning with costrich Feathers.

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Lynchburg, Va.

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Lynchburg, Va.

We are informed that a washing with good soap in lukewarm water is perhaps the best method. The feathers is must be recurred after washing.

"Where is the town "Pueuman," somewhere in South America? What is the proper mail address?

"We have no such place listed in any atlas at our disposal."

"Sweating" of Reservoir.

The reservoir in question was built before the war, of rock. It leaked

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do by the spook were carefully examined, with the result that the skeie-

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